



Definition of Sexual Assault:

Is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, and abuse of authority or when a victim does not consent or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, and unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim.

Sexual Assault Reporting Options:

Restricted Report:

Allows a victim who is sexually assaulted to discuss details of his or her assault confidentially and receive medical treatment and counseling. Victims who desire a Restricted Report should only report to a Uniform Victim Advocate (UVA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or a healthcare provider. A Restricted Report protects the victim's identity and does not initiate an official investigation.

At any time a victim may switch a Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report.

Unrestricted Report:

Allows a victim who is sexually assaulted to receive appropriate medical treatment, support from the chain of command and an official law enforcement investigation is initiated. Unrestricted Reporting offers maximum protection of the victim from the offender. Victim can choose not to participate with investigation process. To file an Unrestricted Report victims may discuss the assault with members of their chain of command, law enforcement, UVA or SARC.

To understand the advantages and disadvantages of restricted versus unrestricted reporting, please speak with your Uniform Victim Advocate or SARC. Remember, however you choose to report sexual assault, as a victim you will be offered medical, advocacy and counseling services.

[Sample Sexual Assault Report Flow Chart.pdf](#)